

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph to page 1 of the specification, following the title:

Related Applications

This application is a US 371 national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/IT2002/006625, filed October 2, 2002, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following replacement paragraph:

~~Atyl~~ Aryl pyridines can be prepared by aryl-aryl cross-coupling reactions (Lohse et al.: Synlett, 1999, Vol. 1; 45-48; Ei-ichi Negishi et al. Heterocycles 1982, Vol. 18 117-122). Generally, the pyridine derivative carries the leaving group and the aryl derivative is the metallo-organic reagent.